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Man-made dam. All of the mine tailings wastes are held back by man-made dams.

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On Aug 13, 2015, at 9:15 AM, Schneider, Jana <[Schneider.Jana@epa.gov](mailto:Schneider.Jana@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi

Can I ask a question about the EOC Spot Report regarding the Abandoned Mine release into Animas River?

This is a quote from the email.

“On 8/5, an EPA and Colorado State Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety team was working to investigate and address contamination at the abandoned Gold King Mine in San Juan County, CO. This work resulted in a large release of mine wastewater into the upper portions of Cement Creek. Initial estimates indicated that the release was approximately one million gallons that was held behind unconsolidated debris near an abandoned mine portal.”

My question is: Was this a man made dam or something that built up thru time naturally or by animals? What is unconsolidated debris?

Thanks so much.

Jana

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